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AMCONSUL CHIANG MAI

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E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: PINS, TH, BM

SUBJ: CIF IN CHIANG MAI

REFS: (A) BANGKOK 0076, (B) CHIANG MAI 423

1. SPATE OF BANGKOK PRESS REPORTS IN DECEMBER ABOUT CIF ACTIVITIES AND THEIR SPECIAL CITIZENSHIP PROBLEMS DESCRIBED IN REFTELS PROMPTED DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW AVAILABLE MATERIALS RELATING TO CIF LEGAL STATUS IN THAILAND. THOUGH REASONS GIVEN BY CIF LEADERS FOR CONTINUING THEIR PRESENT ACTIVITIES ARE DEBATABLE, WE FIND NO FAULT WITH POINT REGARDING THEIR ANOMALOUS CITIZENSHIP STATUS AND ATTENDANT DIFFICULTIES STEMMING THEREFROM, PARTICULARLY FOR YOUTHS.

2. TERMS OF CIF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN LATE 1972 AND SPRING OF 1973 INCLUDED REFERENCES TO GRADUALLY REGULARIZING CIF CITIZENSHIP STATUS OVER UNSPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME FROM THAT OF REFUGEES TO THAT OF THAI NATIONALS. IT IS  
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APPARENT, IF VIEWS OF CHIANG MAI GOVERNOR ARE CONSIDERED  
AUTHORITATIVE, THAT RTG HAS NOT TAKEN FURTHER ACTION TO  
CHANGE LEGAL STATUS OF CIF SINCE AGREEMENTS FIRST NEGOTIATED

3. SINCE USG INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN UNDERWRITING SETTLE-  
MENT AGREEMENT, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION  
INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHETHER AND, IF SO, WHAT STEPS

SHOULD BE TAKEN TO NUDGE RTG IN DIRECTION OF RECTIFYING  
IRREGULAR LEGAL STATUS OF BULK OF CIF PERSONNEL. RUSH

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